

Joseph (Joe) J. Raffetto

Partner

Washington, D.C.

Biography

For the last decade, clients across Asia, Europe, and the U.S. have turned to Joe to counsel and defend them in their high-stakes patent matters. Clients come to Joe for his unique perspectives and knowledge of the "ins" and "outs" of U.S. patent litigation.

Joe has defended clients in global matters and in every major forum in the U.S. (including the International Trade Commission and the U.S. Patent Trial and Appeal Board), and he has repeatedly been named a Rising Star in Washington, D.C. for Intellectual Property Litigation by *Super Lawyers*.

Additionally, Joe understands the business side of disputes. He is a seasoned IP transactional attorney, having counseled countless clients in their licensing, acquisition, and divestiture of IP.

Joe is also a trained engineer, with technical degrees in computer engineering and mathematics. Leveraging his training, Joe works primarily in the high-tech and automotive sectors. He has a deep knowledge of the patent landscape in these sectors, including on standard essential patents, autonomous driving, connected cars, electrification, and, more generally, mobility. This business-oriented, sector-driven experience enables Joe to tailor his strategies and approaches based on the core needs of the client: the



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Practices

Intellectual Property

Patents

Litigation Services

IP and Technology Transactions

Complex Contracting

International Trade Commission
Section 337

business.

Representative experience

Defends one of the world's leading multinational automotive manufacturers in district courts, at the U.S. International Trade Commission, and before the USPTO.

Defended the world's leading high-technology company in a multinational patent litigation against a competing high-technology company.

Defended a pioneer in the software space at the USPTO in the first-ever instituted post-grant review challenge proceedings.

Represented a consortium of the world's leading multinational automotive companies in their multi-billion dollar acquisition of a mapping company.

Advises a genetics pioneer in connection with all of its IP-related commercial contracts.

Awards and rankings

- Intellectual Property Litigation, Rising Star, *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers*, 2014-2019
- Intellectual Property: Patents: Litigation (Full Coverage), Recommended, *Legal 500 US*, 2020

Latest thinking and events

- Webinar
 - 2020 SEPs and FRAND Year in Review
- Insights
 - Standard Essential Patent Update – July 2020
- Insights
 - U.S. + Germany patent update – April 2020
- Insights
 - Standard Essential Patent Update – March 2020

Industries

Automotive
Technology & Telecoms
Consumer
Energy and Natural Resources

Areas of focus

Post-Grant Proceedings
Connected Cars
IP Rights in Transactions
IP Licensing, Commercialization,
and Technology Transfer

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Washington and Lee University School of Law, magna cum laude, 2007
B.E., Computer Engineering, Vanderbilt University, magna cum laude, 2004
B.S., Mathematics, Vanderbilt University, 2004

Memberships

American Intellectual Property Law Association
Intellectual Property Owners Association

- Insights
 - U.S. + Germany patent update – January 2020 (English)
- Insights
 - U.S. + Germany patent update – January 2020 (한국어)

Bar admissions and qualifications

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

District of Columbia

Virginia
